GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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SAFETY MEASURES IN SAFDARJUNG HOSPITAL
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB), Mumbai, has directed the Safdarjung Hospital in New Delhi to stop admitting new patients in radio-therapy department as the Hospital does not comply with required essential safety measures;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) New patients were stopped for radiotherapy treatment for a short while, in the Radio-therapy department of Safdarjung Hospital for want of fulfillment of technical parameters stipulated by the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB). The new patients during this period were however, referred to Radio-therapy departments of two government hospitals, namely the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and Lok Nayak Hospital. The AERB have inspected it and have already permitted admission of new patients for radio-therapy. The Department of Radio-therapy of the Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi is fully functional now.